

forty-five (45) days before the said primary] WITHIN [[SEVEN]] 18 DAYS AFTER THE FINAL FILING DATE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 4A-3 OF THIS ARTICLE that he desires to withdraw as a candidate for such nomination, the certificate of candidacy shall thereupon be and become void; and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots to be used at the primary election. The filing of a valid certificate of withdrawal of candidacy is a final act of withdrawal; and a person who files such a certificate of withdrawal may not reinstate his candidacy, unless the time limit for the filing of candidacies has not expired. No filing fees shall be refunded to persons who withdraw in accordance with this section, subject, however, to § 4A-7 of this article.

(b) Any person nominated for public office as in this article provided may decline such nomination by notifying the officer with whom the certificate nominating him is required to be filed that he declines such nomination. The statement of declination shall be in writing, signed by the person nominated and acknowledged before a notary public or any person empowered to take oaths, and must reach the aforementioned officer by the following deadline: For a nomination to candidacy in an election in the year in which the Governor is elected, [at least thirty-five (35) days before the general election] WITHIN [[SEVEN]] TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION; for a nomination to candidacy in an election in the year in which electors for President of the United States are elected, at least [seventy (70)] 70 days before the general election. If the person nominated shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph for declining nomination, such nomination shall be void; and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1977.

Approved May 17, 1976.

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CHAPTER 633

(House Bill 38)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Statewide Medical Education and Training System

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Statewide Medical Education and Training System; to provide for the administration of the system; to provide for